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MEMORANDUM FOR: DL/A

I am passing this on as requested by Mr. [ ] Generally speaking, the standards set forth in the proposed new procedures are too minimal for our purposes. My own experience with personnel security cases has suggested two matters which we should consider in connection with this report, namely:

1. Recommendation on page 24 of the report that no one ever be hired subject to a security clearance is sound and should be adopted by this Agency. This would eliminate a great many of our difficulties with reject applicants.
2. If we could obtain some discretion (such as the Defense Department seems to have assumed, judging from its recommendations) with respect to avoiding loyalty hearings on applicants in cases where I feel that it should be waived, it would be helpful. I have in mind two types of cases which have recently come to my attention, namely:
  - a. A person who twenty years ago belonged as a student to an Italian Society which is now on the Attorney General's list.
  - b. The case of academic people who subscribe to certain literature published by groups on the Attorney General's list. It is frequently the duty of an academician to be acquainted with such literature.

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Encl: Letter from Pres. Truman to all Executive Departments and Agencies with copy of report on Federal employee security programs prepared by ICIS. Ltr dtd 7 August 1952.